

F.E.S. Family Connections

January 11th-15th

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What is Happening:

- **Wednesday, Jan. 13th**- Virtual PSSC meeting at 7:30
- **Wednesday, Jan. 27th**- Family Literacy Day

Information Items:

- Our children are loving the snow and look forward to getting outside every day. Many are looking forward to using our crazy carpets as well but there is a new provincial guideline that requires helmets when sliding. We are looking to acquire a class set of hockey or skiing/snowboarding helmets. If you happen to have a helmet or two that you no longer use, we would appreciate the donation. As per our Return to School guidelines shared equipment (in this case, crazy carpets, and helmets) will be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
- Please ensure that your children come dressed for playing outside. Snow pants, hats, mittens, and boots are all necessary.
- Safety of our children is our number one priority. Thank you to those who are following the safety guidelines for morning drop off. As a reminder of the expectations, please see below:
 - 1) Please do not park in the drop off lanes.
 - 2) If your child can safely and independently exit your vehicle, pull up to the drop off zone and let your child get out of the car. For safety reasons, students need to exit vehicles on the passenger side away from traffic.
 - 3) If your child cannot safely and independently exit your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spaces in front of Dreamland and assist your child in getting out. They should proceed to the sidewalk in front of the vehicles and proceed to the Dreamland entrance.
 - 4) When in the student drop off areas (both in front of the gymnasium and on the playground side of the school), please stay single file, without passing other vehicles. While this may be less convenient at times, it is essential for student safety.
 - 5) The drop off area in the morning is exactly that, a drop off area. Vehicles should move slowly, stop and allow children to exit vehicle, and continue on.
 - 6) Please proceed to the telephone pole beyond Dreamland to safely do a U-turn. U-turns are not permitted anywhere else. We have had too many occasions of vehicles

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doing U-turns directly in front of the drop off zone. This seriously impacts the safety of our children.

7) When backing out of the parking spots in front of Dreamland, please be extra cautious and watch for vehicles that may be passing by to access the drop off area across from the grades 3-5 entrance.

- We ask that you send your child/children with three masks each day while we are in the orange phase of COVID recovery. Masks are changed after both outside play times.